



Arlington Council on Aging

Minutes

Date: Thursday October 19, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Anne Brown, Sheila Connerney, Nancy Feeney, Sherry Graham (on Zoom), Mary Hung, Karen Nichols

Select Board representative present: Steve DeCoursey (not present)

Location: This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format.

Kristine Shah, Executive Director

Michael Quinn, Chair

Sheila Connerney, Secretary

The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.

1. Call to order at 6:01pm
2. Minutes of the September 2023 meeting for approval

Nancy Feeney made a motion to approve the September 2023 minutes. Anne Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. Report: Executive Director
4. Report: Chair

Michael Quinn's board term will expire in June 2024. He is seeking a Vice Chair for the purpose of succession planning. He is asking someone to nominate themselves or another board member.

5. Report: Minuteman Senior Services
 - a. Advocacy for Funding

6. Old Business
7. New Business

8. Other Community Announcements

Kristine Shah will be honored by Arlington Rotary Club on October 24 as one of the two 45th Annual Paul Harris Community Persons of the Year for 2023. Congratulations Kristine!

9. Adjourn

Anne Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Hung seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.

Next meeting: November 16, 2023

Executive Director's Report: Kristine Shah

- I. New HHS Director Announcement: Colleen Leger
- II. Parking Permit Program
 - a. Over 1,000 stickers distributed
- III. Waiting Lists and Creative Solutions for Full Programs
- IV. Harry Barber Renter Relief Program - Full; Volunteer Property Tax Work Off- 3 slots remaining, applications due October 31; Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Applications Due January 31
- V. Fuel Assistance Update
- VI. Budget
 - a. Sevoyan replenished for the fiscal year; thank you
 - b. End of Year asks for Sussman Fund, Emergency Fund
 - c. MMSS Transportation Grant for out-of-town Medical Rides
- VII. Community Center after COA Hours
- VIII. Board Member Engagement Opportunities
 - a. Thank you for helping with Town Day!
 - b. Opportunity: Meal Deliveries on Thanksgiving Morning
 - c. Opportunity: Warm Wishes Deliveries in December

